



## **NBWW MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Rob Flood, North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Chair, called the NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee meeting to order at 12:36pm.

### **2. Roll Call**

Monitoring Committee members present were **Rob Flood**, North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD); **Alana Bartolai**, Lake County Health Department; **Chris Johnson**, Illinois Sierra Club; **Anna Braum**, Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and **Michael Warner**, Gewalt Hamilton. **Janice Aull**, Skokie Consolidated Drainage District (SCDD) was voted into the Monitoring Committee as a SCDD representative under agenda item 5.c. A roll call was performed. A full list of attendees is at the bottom of the meeting minutes.

### **3. Public Comment – None**

### **4. Approve November 13, 2024 NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes**

Bartolai motioned to accept the November 13, 2024, NBWW Monitoring & Water Quality Impairment Abatement Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Braum. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **5. Old Business**

- a. Skokie Consolidated Drainage District (SCDD) new primary position vote: Janice Aull and alternate position: Mary Scanlan Hogan

Warner motioned to accept Janice Aull as the primary position and Mary Scanlan Hogan as the alternate position for the SCDD, seconded by Bartolai. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- b. Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan Update

Brian Valleskey, Geosyntec Consultants Inc., gave an update to the NBWW Monitoring Committee that a few of the watershed scenarios have been run through the model for the NARP but there are still more to be done. There will be a couple scenarios to showcase the NBWW General Membership in February for the General Membership meeting. Geosyntec has suggested a 50% non-point source reduction for MS4s for the model.

Valleskey explained to the members that Geosyntec has drafted survey questions to send to NBWW members to fill out for the NARP Implementation portion of the plan. Given the lack of participation in the survey in the DRWW NARP, Valleskey was looking for feedback on the questions from the Monitoring Committee and Executive Board and ways to better engage the members. Suggestions were made to make the survey a little more general and present the survey at meetings and workshops going on this winter and spring (i.e. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Enforcement Officer (EO) Workshop) to get more feedback. Although the NBWW will receive data from outside the watershed it may help to capture more NBWW members that attend those meetings.



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Valleskey will send the revised questions to Ashley Strelcheck, NBWW Coordinator, to distribute to NBWW Monitoring Committee and Executive Board members to review and provide feedback prior to engaging members.

**c. Water Quality Summary Report Recommendation to Executive Board**

*Geosyntec made a request to move this item up to agenda item #4 (after public comments) due to time constraints. This agenda revision was motioned for approval by Warner, seconded by Bartolai.*

The Monitoring Committee members did not have any additional comments, but Ashley Strelcheck did request 2 minor revisions to the report. Geosyntec suggested a foreword be added to the front of the report to help MS4 communities better understand how to use this report and its benefits. Gewalt Hamilton volunteered to create this foreword. Warner motioned to recommend the approval of the report the Executive Board with the two minor grammatical revisions and the addition of a foreword to be provided by Gewalt Hamilton and SMC, seconded by Johnson. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**i. Contract Amendment #1 Recommendation: \$1,500 not-to-exceed time extension**

The NBWW Monitoring Committee requested clarification of expenses related to the \$1,500 cost increase. Costs related to the \$1,500 would only be incurred from the final revisions to the report (December 2024-January 2025). Warner motioned to recommend approval of the Water Quality Summary Report Contract Amendment #1 to the Executive Board, seconded by Johnson. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

## **6. New Business**

**a. Lake-McHenry Workshop Sponsorship Approval**

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and McHenry County are partnering on an educational workshop for later Spring 2025 with a theme of water quality improvement. The title of the workshop is to be determined but the theme aligns with NBWW mission and objectives. Ashley Strelcheck asked the NBWW Monitoring Committee if they would have an interest in sponsoring this event once the details are confirmed. The workgroup was interested in be involved with the event and it was agreed to bring costs and more details to the February or March meeting for approval consideration. Approval has been removed from the agenda as this item is tabled for consideration until February or March.

## **7. Member Remarks**

Warner suggested the NARP public survey be introduced at the January 22, 2025 Enforcement Office and Certified Wetland Specialist Workshop. Warner also mentioned that the Illinois Water Environment Association is hosting a Government Affairs Conference. Strelcheck sent out the registration information to all NBWW and DRWW.

Strelcheck went through the presenter line-up for the February NBWW General Membership meeting: Hanna Miller, The Conservation Foundation, will be presenting the Time Limited Water Quality Standard for Chlorides and Bartlett Durand, Local Choice Marketing, LLC, will be presenting on a Nutrient Trading Pilot Program.



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**8. Next Meeting:** NBWW Monitoring Committee meeting: March 12, 2025 Deerfield, Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015 (Council Chambers Board Room)

**9. Adjournment – 1:23pm**

Aull motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bartolai. The motion passed unanimously.

### NBWW Monitoring Committee Meeting Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Alana Bartolai	Lake County Health Department
Anna Braum	Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Ashley Strelcheck	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, NBWW Coordinator
Brandon Janes	Village of Deerfield
Brian Valleskey	Geosyntec Consultants
Chris Johnson	Illinois Sierra Club
Chuck Bodden	North Shore Water Reclamation District
Janice Aull	Skokie Consolidated Drainage District
Michael Warner	Gewalt Hamilton
Rob Flood	North Shore Water Reclamation District,